

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

October 14, 2013

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The County Board of Ford County met pursuant to adjournment in the Ford County Board Room of the Ford County Jail in Paxton on Monday, November 11, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman, Rick Bowen.

B. ROLL CALL:

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Bob Lindgren, Pat Haskins, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Dave Hastings, Tom McQuinn, Gene May, Randy Berger, Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss, Elynor Stagen and Chairman Bowen.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Floyd Otto

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Otto moved that the October 14, 2013 board minutes and the October 18, special board minutes (with the correction that October 18th was a Friday) be approved. Mr. Berger seconded it.

Voice vote - carried

F. COMMUNICATIONS:

A thank you note was read from the Pacey family on the death of Judge Pacey's mother.

G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

H. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mrs. Haskins moved to accept the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Coroner, Supervisor of Assessments, Sheriff, EMA, Zoning and Highway and to place them on file. Mr. Otto seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Cassy Taylor was absent.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Mrs. Evans presented her report

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Mrs. Hastings announced that she is not seeking re-election for Treasurer. Treasurer Hastings presented her report. The county has a balance of \$702,391.66 as of October 31, 2013. The tax sale was held on Wednesday, October 23.

Mr. Berger moved to approve the Probation, Circuit Clerk and Treasurers monthly reports and to place them on file. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

L. OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO ADDRESS BOARD:

M. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Bowen informed the Board that he met with the Iroquois County reps in regard to the Public Health Department. Their thoughts are that if the State allows us to dissolve, they are going to approve 7/12's of the budget.

N. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Environment

2. Finance

Mrs. Stagen moved to **approve payment of the General Fund bills.**

Mr. Hastings seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

(Mr. Hastings abstained from the Treasurers bills)

Mrs. Stagen moved to **approve Ordinance 13-49 (to adopt the 2013-14 Ford County Budget).**

Mr. Berger seconded it.

Roll Call – 11 yeas; 1 abstention

(Gene May abstained)

The 2013-14 proposed tax levy was presented to the board members and will be voted at the next month's board meeting.

Mrs. Stagen moved to approve **Resolution 13-50 (approving the Ford-Iroquois Public Health Department Budget for 2014).** Mr. Hastings seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mrs. Stagen moved to **approve Resolution 13-51 (approving the salary increase for the S of A, Sheriff Administrative Asst and all hourly employees).** Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Stagen moved to **approve Resolution 13-52 (approving the salary increase for the Probation Department).**

Roll Call - Unanimous

3. Highway

Mr. Otto moved to **approve payment of the Highway bills.** Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

4. Insurance/Personnel

Mr. Mc Quinn moved to **adopt Resolution 13-53 (adopting the 2014 Board Meeting Schedule).**

Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. McQuinn moved to **adopt Resolution 13-54 (adopting the 2014 Holiday Schedule).**

Mr. Berger seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

5. Overview/Legislation.

6. Sheriff

Mrs. Haskins moved to **approve payment of the Sheriff, County Housing, EMA**

& Coroner bills. Mr. Lindgren seconded the motion.

Roll Call – Unanimous

7. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Otto moved that the written and verbal reports of the committees be accepted as presented and placed on file. Mr. Berger seconded the motion.

Voice Vote - Carried

O. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

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| 1. Mobile Region 8 | Doran/Lindgren |
| 2. Union Affairs | Haskins/Bowen/Stagen |
| 3. Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority | Stagen/Berger |
| 4. 708 Board | Mr. Berger |
| Meets tomorrow. Oversight will meet Thursday, Nov. 21, at 6:00 p.m. at the Gilman Library. | |
| 5. WIA | Bowen/Hastings |
| 6. Ford-Iroquois Board of Health | Mrs. Stagen |
| will meet Monday, Nov. 18 th at the Gilman Library at 7:00 p.m. | |
| 7. Regional Office of Education | Bowen/Stagen |
| Received all the grants that they were to get for 2013. Reorganizing the officers. | |
| 8. ECIEDD | Mr. Ferguson |
| The group has decided to try to go alone without the assistance of the Federal Government. Mr. Ferguson feels more positive about it. | |
| 9. 9-1-1 | Mr. Johnson |
| Reviewed budget | |
| 10. Zoning | Mr. Johnson |
| 11. CIRMA | Bowen/Nuss/ McQuinn |
| Talked about Cyber Liability | |
| 12. Extension | Johnson/Hastings |
| Mr. Hastings said that he feels that Ford County has really benefitted from the Extension | |
| 13. E.M.A. | Mr. Higgins |

P. OLD BUSINESS:

Q. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

R. NEW BUSINESS:

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Otto moved to adjourn; Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 7:50 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION

Sheriff Doran

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, December 9, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Kellerhals
County Clerk

Approved: _____